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Arizona Fraudulent Identification Task Force shuts down operation that made and sold large quantities of fraudulent government documents

On Friday, August 15, 2008, two Arizona Fraudulent Identification Task Force (AFIT) Squads served a search warrant for identity theft, fraudulent ID's, and trafficking at a Phoenix apartment complex at 3434 E. McDowell #3014. The search warrant was a result of an on-going AFIT investigation into the illegal manufacturing of fraudulent government documents. During the investigation, AFIT conducted an undercover operation consisting of a series of undercover buys of driver's licenses, immigration cards, and social security cards.

A computer, a printer/scanner, software, an electronic storage device, a camera, a card maker, 450 pieces of blank plastic card stock, various forged government identification cards, and heavy weight paper were seized during the search warrant. Two suspects (admitted to being undocumented aliens) were taken into custody and charged with 14 counts of forgery, 14 counts of trafficking in the identity of another and 2 counts of illegal control of an enterprise.

Suspects: Juan Jose Santos, 28, undocumented immigrant
Alejandro Soliz-Reyes, 34, undocumented immigrant

*photos available on request

"This is an excellent example of the investigative work being performed every day by the Arizona Fraudulent Identification Task Force. These detectives work very hard to shut down these illegal operations and jail those responsible for breaking the law," said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

AFIT is part of the multi-agency Illegal Immigration Prevention and Apprehension Co-op Team (IIMPACT) administered by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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